

The 2000 Census

- Census officials estimate that they missed more than 8.8 million people in 1990, mostly children, minorities and the poor.
- Four in 10 households did not return the census forms sent by the government in 1990.

Dear Friends:

I encourage you to take a few minutes to read the back of this postcard and then complete the 2000 Census form. We must work together to prevent the two above statistics from occurring this year in Indiana. There is a lot at stake in this year's Census, and we all hope that Indiana receives its fair share of federal funding and programs. Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns about the 2000 Census or any other aspect of state government.

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The 2000 Census - Why complete the form?

Census 2000 in the State of Indiana means that millions of dollars in federal funding and a congressional seat are at stake. Indiana's population is estimated to be around 6 million -- up from 5.5 million in 1990 (the last official U.S. Bureau of Census count).

The results of the census will be used to determine things like federal highway money and whether or not Indiana will retain all ten of its U.S. House of Representatives districts.

There will be two forms. Nationwide, five out of six households will receive the short form which will ask questions about name, sex, age, relationship, Hispanic origin, race and whether your home is owned or rented. It will take approximately ten minutes to finish the form. A longer form will be mailed to the remaining households, asking questions about education, ancestry, employment, disability and others. This form will take approximately 38 minutes to finish.

To make sure everyone is included, census workers will distribute forms to people who live in group settings, such as universities and colleges, nursing homes, transitional shelters, correctional institutions, and halfway houses.

Forms will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Korean. Guides to answering the form will be available in many other languages.

The Census Bureau cannot share your information with others according to the law. This includes Immigration and Naturalization Services, welfare services, Internal Revenue Service, police, courts and the military.



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